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INFO: P/M FCS ECON POL ICE DCM

DISSEMINATION: AMB  
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TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 8306  
INFO RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS 0852  
RUEHOT/AMEMBASSY OTTAWA 0218  
RUEHDE/AMCONSUL DUBAI 6852

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FOR T, ISN - MFELIPE, AND PDAS PMCNERNEY, NEA/ARP

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E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: KNNP PARM PREL MNUC ETTC CA SY AE

SUBJECT: PSI: SHIPMENT OF U.S.-ORIGIN TEST EQUIPMENT TO SYRIA VIA THE UAE - DETAINED AND IN PROCESS OF BEING RETURNED TO THE U.S.

REF: A. ABU DHABI 168  
1B. STATE 13872

(SBU) MSC Joanna 704A arrived at 2225 hours on Feb 13. Both containers have been offloaded by Dubai Ports Authority and are being held by Dubai Customs. ICE reports that the original seals check out -- which means there are no signs of the containers being tampered with. Currently both containers are with Dubai Customs for inspection, "cracking" (opening) and then re-sealing. Dubai Customs will provide a detailed report -- and arrangements will be completed for re-delivery of the containers to Norfolk, VA - probably next week.

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